

CANDIDATES

BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

The biographical information below has been provided by the candidates and none of the candidates' statements have been endorsed or approved by the District or the Board of Supervisors.

Name: Bob Berman – Palm Beach Country Estates Resident

Comments: NOT THE BOARD! Landowner majority vote should rule. NOTHING IS EVER GOOD ABOUT DIRT ROADS/WELL WATER. 90% approval for paving is un-American and contrary to LAW intent. All roads paved in 1980 would have saved \$100,000,000 over perpetually fixing dirt roads. Board prevented Jupiter Farms from even voting YES/NO for potable water and after 100 years has NO APPROVED drainage plan. PBCE has drainage, potable water/fire hydrants. Jupiter Farms is drinking from under drain fields. Jupiter Farms and PBCE are very different and each should be able to vote for what is best for each. Supervisors are charging \$1,000/month each for alleged "work"? 600 districts in Florida pay \$0-\$50/month. FORENSIC AUDIT needed. I will accept NO COMPENSATION. SIRWCD board is out of control and wasting hundreds of thousands of dollars. WAKE UP JUPITER FARMS! Vote Bob Berman FOR A BETTER DISTRICT AND A BETTER LIFE.

Name: Gene Colwell – Jupiter Farms Resident

Comments: I have lived in Jupiter since the mid 90's and have made Jupiter Farms my home, with my wife and three daughters for more than 10 years. I have a Bachelor of Science from Florida Atlantic University in Marine Biology. My career began working with the marine fisheries division of Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission followed by 8 years at JW Corbett Wildlife Management Area where I was the lead area biologist for the last 3 years. After leaving the commission I worked with South Florida Water Management District around Lake Okeechobee which provided me the opportunity to excel as the land manager of Dupuis Wildlife Environmental Area, Allapattah Flats, and those area operated by the District at Cypress Creek and Hungryland. My love for South Florida habitats and knowledge of managing natural areas, people, and the needs of local communities has given me the skills necessary to work in this context. I look forward to the opportunity to serve you in this amazing and special community.

Name: Susan A. Kennedy - Jupiter Farms Resident

Comments: I am grateful to have served for the last three years on the Board of Supervisors, focusing on water management and quality for our area.

I am a life-long resident of the Jupiter Farms community. I grew up here on our dirt roads and swimming in the Loxahatchee River, and after law school became an advocate for the community's rural lifestyle and area's irreplaceable natural resources. I have served on many organizations and committees to help preserve thousands of acres surrounding Jupiter Farms, defeating or mitigating multiple irresponsible development applications, and securing the restoration of fresh water to the Loxahatchee River while maintaining area flood protection.

My involvement in the many issues of the area has provided a deep understanding of the interrelated issues of water and development, and the importance of balancing private property rights with the public good. It will be my honor to continue serving as Supervisor for South Indian River Water Control District.

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Name: John Meyer – Jupiter Farms Resident

Comments: It has been an honor to serve on the Board of Supervisors for the last nine years. I am proud of what the District has accomplished during this time, working with our landowners and local, state, and federal partners to maintain and improve our drainage, roads, water quality and aquifer.

Since moving to Jupiter Farms in 1994, my wife, Sara Anne, son, Jeff, and myself have been fortunate to have lived the unique lifestyle offered by the Farms. I am presently retired and now enjoy being a grandpapa, fishing, diving, hiking, biking, kayaking and photography. I have 47 years of public service experience in water management and natural resources protection, 22 of which were with the South Florida Water Management District.

My goal, as always, is to ensure that our quality of life is preserved, and that we will be prepared and resilient when faced with extreme weather events. I believe that the future of the District is very bright, but only if we stay the course with stewardship, integrity, respect, and commitment to the District's mission and the landowners we serve.

Name: Kenneth Trapasso – Palm Beach Country Estates Resident

Comments: I have lived in Palm Beach Country Estates since 2005 with my family. We moved here because I am an Auto collector, and it gave me the freedom with no rules. I am a retired Auto Dealer. Currently, I manage my investment properties. I have been the president of Palm Beach Country Estates Landowners Association for the last eight years. I have been involved with Boy Scouts America for many years, both of my boys are Eagle Scouts. I served on the board of independent Auto Dealers. I started the 4th of July celebration in the Country Estates over 14 years ago. I feel very strongly about bringing fairness back to the board. I walk the canals daily. I see trash in many of the canals, that should be addressed to keep the water flowing correctly. Keeping our neighborhood clean, neat and safe.